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SUBJECT: UPDATING OF NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE

REF: USNATO 3687, PARA 6; USNATO 3688; USNATO 3311

1. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) HAS INFORMED USNATO BY LETTER (TEXT QUOTED BELOW) THAT US GROUND FORCES UPDATED INPUT TO NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE AS CURRENTLY SUBMITTED DOES NOT REPEAT NOT FULLY MEET NATO MBFR DATA REQUIREMENTS. NATIONAL UPDATES TO NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE WERE REQUESTED IN DRC/N(73)4. MAJOR DRAWBACKS TO US SUBMISSION, ACCORDING TO IS, ARE LACK OF INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL UNIT ACTUAL PERSONNEL STRENGTH, READINESS AND COMMAND STATUS, AND INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT.

2. BECAUSE DATA IN FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE IS CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR MBFR PURPOSES IN NATO AND SINCE NAC HAS ASKED MBFR WORKING GROUP TO PURSUE AGREED DATA BASE, WE
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STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT INFORMATION BE PROVIDED THAT WILL SATISFY OUTSTANDING IS REQUIREMENTS.

3. IS HAS SEPARATELY INDICATED THAT INFORMATION ON UNIT

STRENGTH, CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT AND EQUIPMENT CODES MUST BE IN HANDS OF IS BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST IN ORDER TO PERMIT PROCESSING IN TIME FOR MBFR REQUIREMENTS. AS IN PAST, INFORMATION SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO IS THROUGH USNATO.

4. TEXT OF IS LETTER TO USNATO FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT:

SUBJECT: NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE INPUTS FOR THE
UPDATING OF THE US ARMY SECTION

1. WITH THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS WHICH YOU MADE AVAILABLE TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND WHICH GIVE INPUTS FOR THE UPDATING OF THE US ARMY SECTION OF THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE TO THE MARCH 1973 STATUS, WE ARE NOW ABLE TO DEVELOP A MEANINGFUL ORDER OF BATTLE FOR US GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE AS WELL AS FOR DUAL BASED FORCES. THE INPUTS ALSO CONTAIN FIGURES ON THE LOCATION AND THE AUTHORISED PERSONNEL. THE HIGHER COMMAND FOR MOST UNITS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM A COMBINATION OF TWO INPUT DOCUMENTS EXCEPT FOR A SERIES OF SUPPORT UNITS WHERE A DECISION CANNOT BE MADE WHETHER THEY BELONG TO THE 5TH CORPS, THE 7TH CORPS OR THE 7TH ARMY. THESE WE WILL PLACE DIRECTLY UNDER THE 7TH ARMY AND THIS WILL CREATE NO DIFFICULTIES FOR THE CALCULATION OF MBFR TABLES.

2. FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE UPDATING SEVERAL IMPORTANT INPUTS ARE STILL OUTSTANDING FOR ALL UNITS:

- THE ACTUAL PERSONNEL STRENGTH
- THE ECHELON (M-DAY, 1ST OR 2ND ECHELON, OR THE MC-55/2 CLASSIFICATION)
- AND THE ASSIGNMENT (ASSIGNED, EARMARKED, OTHER FORCES FOR NATO, FORCES UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND)

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OF MBFR TABLES.

3. EQUIPMENT IS GIVEN IN A COMPUTER PRINTOUT WHICH YOU MADE AVAILABLE TO US BUT THE EQUIPMENT TYPE IS CODED. A SHORT CODE LIST WHICH YOU GAVE TO US DOES NOT COVER MOST OF THE IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT, E.G. TANKS, HELICOPTERS, ANTI-TANK MISSILES, APC'S, AIFV'S AND ARTILLERY PIECES. THE EQUIPMENT LISTS FOR ALL UNITS CAN THEREFORE NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE CODE LIST IS AVAILABLE. THIS IS ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE STANDARD MBFR LISTINGS.

4. IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE BEGUN TO WORK OUT A COMPLETE ORDER OF BATTLE FOR US GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE AND WE HAVE

ALSO STARTED WITH THE CORRECTIONS CONCERNING AUTHORISED
PERSONNEL FIGURES, BUT WE CANNOT PRODUCE MEANINGFUL STANDARD
MBFR LISTINGS AS LONG AS THE OUTSTANDING INFORMATION MENTIONED
IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND 3 IS NOT AVAILABLE. END TEXT.
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